

Remarks

With entry of the present amendment, the application will contain claims 1-8, 10, and 14.

The courtesies extended to David R. Murphy by Examiners Rebecca L. Anderson, Joseph McKane and Robert Ramsuer at an interview on September 11, 2003 are acknowledged with appreciation. The following remarks incorporate the substance of the arguments advanced at that interview.

At the interview it was agreed that the definition of R^1 was appropriate because that moiety does not participate in the reaction.

In support of a broad definition for R^3 it was argued that this moiety should be broadly claimable since it leaves by hydrolysis to form a compound of undisputed utility. The Examiners took a contrary view. Although the Examiners are clearly wrong, R^3 has been limited to methyl in order to advance prosecution.

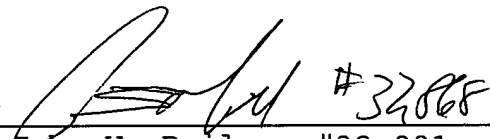
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David R. Murphy (Reg. No. 22,751) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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